



**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

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For immediate release**

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## **FIVE SOLID WASTE ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM CONTRACTS APPROVED AT EPC MEETING**

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ELDORA- The Iowa Environmental Protection Commission approved five Solid Waste Alternatives Program contracts for funding at their meeting held Sept. 9 at the Eldora Public Library.

The selected projects will receive a total of \$91,156 in both forgivable and zero interest loans.

At the meeting, commissioners approved funding for the following four solid waste projects for the purpose of expanding or creating residential and/or commercial recycling collection, totaling \$91,156:

- Adams/Taylor Regional Service Agency, \$25,800 to increase recycling amounts collected from Adams and Taylor County residents and businesses and to reduce costs by local servicing of the drop-off containers;
- S & J Sanitation and Recycling, \$31,065 to expand a residential recycling drop-off site for residents of the city of Marengo and Iowa County, in addition to expanding a commercial recycling program and purchasing additional recycling equipment;

- Burke Corporation, \$10,166 for establishing a new recycling program at their city of Nevada manufacturing facility, purchasing a baler for baling plastic film and cardboard materials;
- Waste Commission of Scott County, \$18,500 for expanding the West Lake Park drop-off recycling site and increasing the number of recycling drop-off containers, in cooperation with the Scott County Health Department and Scott County Conservation Department; and
- City of Ottumwa, \$5,625 to initiate a backyard composting program for Ottumwa residents. The city will provide composting bins for participating residents to compost household organic wastes, including yard and some food wastes and provide on-going training and technical assistance.

The DNR received a total of seven proposals for consideration during the July 2008 round of funding, requesting nearly \$400,000 in financial assistance.

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## **DES MOINES HAS WASTEWATER RELEASES**

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DES MOINES – A sewage overflow occurred Wednesday evening in southeast Des Moines at the same location where an overflow had occurred the day before.

The blockage was believed to have been caused by a yet unknown type of grease getting into the line on the 2400 block of Southeast 19<sup>th</sup> Street. The city removed the blockage and treated the area where the overflow occurred with lime to kill bacteria. An estimated 750 gallons overflowed into an unnamed tributary of the Des Moines River. The overflow from the day before had been estimated at 21,600 gallons.

The DNR is currently working with the city to get the problem fixed in the area where these last two overflows have occurred.